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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 560 thousand head on January 1, 2008, 1 percent above last month and a 2 percent increase from January 2007. During December, placements of 67.0 thousand were 13 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 60.0 thousand head were 5 percent below December of 2006. Other disappearance totaled 2.00 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on January 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1,

2007 and 2 percent above January 1, 2006. This is the highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.65 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.38 million head, up 2 percent from 2007.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million, 1 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.64 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 505 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 420 thousand and 800 pounds and greater were 296 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.65 million, 1 percent above 2007, but 4 percent below 2006. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 58.0 thousand during December, 34 percent below 2007 and 36 percent below 2006.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

| State | Number On Feed December 1 a/ b/ | | | Placed During December | | Marketed During December | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2007/2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | 1,000 Head | | Percent | 1,000 Head | | | |
| Arizona | 341 | 367 | 108 | 26 | 26 | 31 | 24 |
| California | 540 | 555 | 103 | 77 | 67 | 63 | 60 |
| Colorado | 1,120 | 1,070 | 96 | 135 | 170 | 150 | 135 |
| Idaho | 270 | 240 | 89 | 39 | 39 | 41 | 42 |
| Iowa | 500 | 570 | 114 | 82 | 71 | 59 | 69 |
| Kansas | 2,550 | 2,500 | 98 | 410 | 385 | 390 | 390 |
| Nebraska | 2,510 | 2,520 | 100 | 390 | 355 | 350 | 335 |
| New Mexico | 137 | 149 | 109 | 15 | 26 | 15 | 13 |
| Oklahoma | 350 | 345 | 99 | 46 | 44 | 42 | 37 |
| South Dakota | 210 | 215 | 102 | 50 | 50 | 32 | 33 |
| Texas | 2,900 | 3,010 | 104 | 370 | 380 | 385 | 420 |
| Washington | 185 | 168 | 91 | 24 | 25 | 24 | 28 |
| Other States | 360 | 390 | 108 | 50 | 63 | 43 | 59 |
| United States | 11,973 | 12,099 | 101 | 1,714 | 1,701 | 1,625 | 1,645 |

| State | Other Disappearance During December c/ | | Number On Feed January 1 a/ | | 2008 |
|---------------|--|------|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | 1,000 Head | | | | Percent |
| Arizona | 2 | 1 | 334 | 368 | 110 |
| California | 4 | 2 | 550 | 560 | 102 |
| Colorado | 5 | 5 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 100 |
| Idaho | 8 | 2 | 260 | 235 | 90 |
| Iowa | 3 | 2 | 520 | 570 | 110 |
| Kansas | 30 | 15 | 2,540 | 2,480 | 98 |
| Nebraska | 10 | 10 | 2,540 | 2,530 | 100 |
| New Mexico | 1 | 2 | 136 | 160 | 118 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | 2 | 350 | 350 | 100 |
| South Dakota | 3 | 2 | 225 | 230 | 102 |
| Texas | 15 | 10 | 2,870 | 2,960 | 103 |
| Washington | 1 | 1 | 184 | 164 | 89 |
| Other States | 2 | 4 | 365 | 390 | 107 |
| United States | 88 | 58 | 11,974 | 12,097 | 101 |

a/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

b/ Revised 2007 data for New Mexico and U.S.

c/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.45 billion pounds of milk in December 2007. This was 4 percent above November 2007 and 5 percent above December 2006.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,880 pounds, 70 pounds more than in November 2007 and 35 pounds more than a year ago.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

| Month | California | | | | | | | | United States 1/ 2/ | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|--------------------|--------|--|--|
| | Milk Cows 1/ 3/ 4/ | | Milk Per Cow 5/ | | Milk Production 1/ 5/ | | Total Milk Receipts 6/ | | Milk Cows 4/ | | Milk Per Cow 5/ | | Milk Production 5/ | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | | |
| | 1,000 Head | | Pounds | | Million Pounds | | | | 1,000 Head | | Pounds | | Million Pounds | | | |
| Jan. | 1,776 | 1,791 | 1,825 | 1,880 | 3,241 | 3,367 | 3,240 | 3,364 | 8,198 | 8,280 | 1,711 | 1,724 | 14,027 | 14,276 | | |
| Feb. | 1,779 | 1,793 | 1,710 | 1,755 | 3,042 | 3,147 | 3,037 | 3,145 | 8,206 | 8,277 | 1,586 | 1,582 | 13,018 | 13,098 | | |
| Mar. | 1,781 | 1,796 | 1,925 | 1,980 | 3,428 | 3,556 | 3,423 | 3,551 | 8,224 | 8,285 | 1,775 | 1,783 | 14,599 | 14,771 | | |
| Apr. | 1,784 | 1,797 | 1,855 | 1,920 | 3,309 | 3,450 | 3,308 | 3,445 | 8,240 | 8,280 | 1,726 | 1,746 | 14,222 | 14,457 | | |
| May | 1,785 | 1,800 | 1,895 | 1,930 | 3,383 | 3,474 | 3,381 | 3,472 | 8,257 | 8,286 | 1,782 | 1,795 | 14,712 | 14,874 | | |
| June | 1,786 | 1,805 | 1,795 | 1,850 | 3,206 | 3,339 | 3,204 | 3,338 | 8,269 | 8,294 | 1,697 | 1,713 | 14,033 | 14,204 | | |
| July | 1,774 | 1,811 | 1,760 | 1,905 | 3,122 | 3,450 | 3,118 | 3,449 | 8,258 | 8,316 | 1,688 | 1,743 | 13,937 | 14,493 | | |
| Aug. | 1,770 | 1,818 | 1,860 | 1,900 | 3,292 | 3,454 | 3,290 | 3,453 | 8,255 | 8,330 | 1,676 | 1,721 | 13,838 | 14,332 | | |
| Sept. | 1,773 | 1,821 | 1,775 | 1,785 | 3,147 | 3,250 | 3,142 | 3,248 | 8,251 | 8,340 | 1,613 | 1,646 | 13,307 | 13,725 | | |
| Oct. | 1,778 | 1,826 | 1,815 | 1,870 | 3,227 | 3,415 | 3,222 | 3,413 | 8,255 | 8,353 | 1,652 | 1,699 | 13,637 | 14,190 | | |
| Nov. | 1,782 | 1,830 | 1,760 | 1,810 | 3,136 | 3,312 | 3,133 | 3,311 | 8,260 | 8,369 | 1,614 | 1,654 | 13,332 | 13,846 | | |
| Dec. | 1,787 | 1,833 | 1,845 | 1,880 | 3,297 | 3,446 | 3,296 | | 8,276 | 8,383 | 1,690 | 1,719 | 13,983 | 14,414 | | |

1/ Revised November 2007 data.

2/ Twenty-three-state total.

3/ Revised September 2007 data.

4/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

5/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

6/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

| Commodity | Unit | California | | | United States | | |
|------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | December 2006 | November 2007 | Dec. 15, 2007 | December 2006 | November 2007 | Dec. 15, 2007 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/ | Ton | 110.00 | 157.00 | 155.00 | 110.00 | 131.00 | 133.00 |
| Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/ | Ton | 118.00 | 169.00 | 170.00 | 111.00 | 135.00 | 136.00 |
| Hogs 2/ 4/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 43.50 | 38.20 | 39.50 |
| Cows 2/ | Cwt. | 36.40 | 40.00 | 40.20 | 42.20 | 43.90 | 44.10 |
| Steers and Heifers 2/ | Cwt. | 86.80 | 93.00 | 94.00 | 89.00 | 95.90 | 95.50 |
| Calves 2/ | Cwt. | 108.00 | 104.00 | 109.00 | 116.00 | 119.00 | 119.00 |
| Sheep 2/ | Cwt. | 43.00 | 40.00 | --- | 34.80 | 27.60 | --- |
| Lambs 2/ | Cwt. | 89.50 | 92.00 | --- | 94.00 | 97.30 | --- |
| Milk Cows 5/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| All Milk, Wholesale 2/ | Cwt. | 12.73 | 21.19 | 20.60 | 14.20 | 21.90 | 21.70 |

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ California's December 2007 prices are for the full month.

4/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July, and October.



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CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during December 2007 totaled 143 million pounds (dressed weight), 2 percent above the previous month, and 1 percent above December 2006. This figure includes slaughter in federally inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In December 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,312 pounds; calves 128 pounds; and hogs 244 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.06 billion pounds in December, up 5 percent from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in December 2006.

Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.65 million head, up 1 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 1,302 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.4 million pounds, 21 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61.0 thousand head, down 11 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was down 35 pounds from last year, at 289 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.97 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.69 million head, up 9 percent from December 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 229 thousand head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 1 pound from December a year ago.

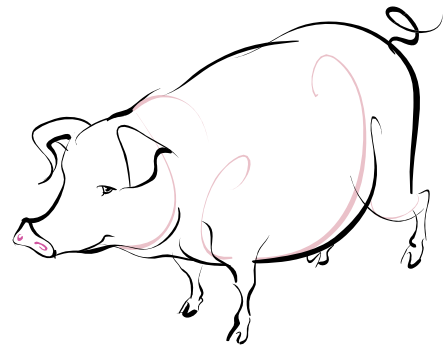
January to December 2007 commercial red meat production was 48.7 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

Both December 2006 and 2007 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, DECEMBER 2006-07 a/

| Species and Location | Number Slaughtered | | Total Live Weight | | Average Live Weight | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | 1,000 Head | | 1,000 Pounds | | Pounds | |
| CATTLE | | | | | | |
| California | 137.4 | 128.4 | 181,716 | 165,401 | 1,345 | 1,312 |
| U.S. Total | 2,612.5 | 2,645.3 | 3,385,204 | 3,430,848 | 1,300 | 1,302 |
| CALVES | | | | | | |
| California | 10.1 | 10.7 | 1,402 | 1,353 | 140 | 128 |
| U.S. Total | 68.4 | 61.0 | 21,944 | 17,391 | 324 | 289 |
| SHEEP & LAMBS | | | | | | |
| California | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| U.S. Total | 226.9 | 229.1 | 30,762 | 30,826 | 136 | 135 |
| HOGS | | | | | | |
| California | 219.7 | 252.2 | 51,805 | 61,533 | 236 | 244 |
| U.S. Total | 8,882.8 | 9,691.3 | 2,402,254 | 2,633,077 | 271 | 272 |
| RED MEAT | December 2006 | November 2007 | December 2007 | Dec 07 Dec 06 | Dec 07 Nov 07 | |
| | Million Pounds | | | Percent | | |
| California | 141.5 | 140.6 | 142.9 | 101 | 102 | |
| U.S. Total | 3,874.5 | 4,300.6 | 4,058.1 | 105 | 94 | |

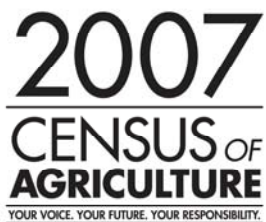
a/ Farm slaughter excluded.



CALIFORNIA AND U.S. HOG INVENTORY DECEMBER 1, 2006-07 AND ANNUAL FARROWINGS DECEMBER-NOVEMBER 2006-07 a/

| Inventory by Type | CALIFORNIA | | | UNITED STATES | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------|-----------|---------------|---------|-----------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2007/2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007/2006 |
| | 1,000 Head | | Percent | 1,000 Head | | Percent |
| Total Breeding and Market | 145 | 155 | 107 | 62,490 | 65,110 | 104 |
| Breeding | 20 | 20 | 100 | 6,087 | 6,157 | 101 |
| Market | 125 | 135 | 108 | 56,402 | 58,953 | 105 |
| Market By Weight: | | | | | | |
| Under 60 Lbs. | 40 | 40 | 100 | 20,462 | 21,364 | 104 |
| 60-119 Lbs. | 40 | 37 | 93 | 13,928 | 14,459 | 104 |
| 120-179 Lbs. | 20 | 30 | 150 | 11,275 | 11,737 | 104 |
| 180+ Lbs. | 25 | 28 | 112 | 10,738 | 11,394 | 106 |
| Total Pig Crop | 330 | 335 | 102 | 105,618 | 109,937 | 104 |
| Sows Farrowing | 33 | 33 | 100 | 11,629 | 11,960 | 103 |
| | Head | | Percent | Head | | Percent |
| Pigs Per Liter | 10.0 | 10.2 | 102 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 101 |

a/ December of preceding year for farrowings. May not add due to rounding.



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